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VB T Police car flips after being hit while going through red light

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Scott Russell of Van Buren Township was taking his two daughters to their orthodontic appointments early Thursday morning when they witnessed an accident.

Russell said he witnessed a vehicle that ran a red light as it traveled southbound on Belleville Road at Ecorse.

He said a VBT police officer was in a patrol vehicle on the corner and turned on his lights and pursued the car that had run the red light. Russell said the officer was going slowly southbound since he also was going through the red light.

A car that was eastbound on Ecorse

then T-boned the police vehicle, Russell said. The police vehicle was struck in the passenger side rear door which caused it to flip upside down and slide to a stop.

Russell said he stopped his vehicle and got out to see if he could help the officer. He said the officer was coherent and asked Russell to cut him out of his seatbelt, since he was suspended upside down.

Russell said the officer handed him a knife and Russell proceeded to cut him free.

After the officer climbed out of the car, Russell said he asked the officer to sit down, but the officer said he was fine and

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Photos courtesy of Mike McDaniel
Van Buren Township Police Lt. Charles Bazy checks out the police car accident at the corner of Belleville and Ecorse roads last Thursday morning. The driver of the patrol vehicle was Officer Fred Sweet, who reportedly was uninjured.



On Thursday, a PBS/NPR crew from WGVU at Grand Valley State University in Allendale spent the afternoon in a log cabin home on Hull Road in Van Buren Township owned by Fred Priebe and his wife Bonnie. The Priebe's have appeared as President Abraham Lincoln and his wife around the world and the television crew was there to record the Priebe's for a segment in "The Address." The 150th anniversary of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was celebrated last November and filmmaker Ken Burns challenged all Americans to learn and recite the speech. His 90-minute documentary will premiere at 9 p.m. April 15 on PBS. The Priebe's are expected to be a part of that film.



This 2013 Hyundai, driven by Camerina Smith of Toledo, Ohio crashed into the police vehicle that was trying to stop a car for running a red light.

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Bob Jacobs ready to retire at age 81, sells Jacobs Boots & Saddles

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Bob Jacobs has been a singer, a rodeo rider and a clown, a barn builder, a horse trader, a business partner, a merchant, and a friend to horse owners.

Now, at the age of 81, Jacobs is ready to ride off into the sunset.

On March 28, he closed on the sale of his 11.2 acres with the big red barn holding his boots and saddles business at the corner of the North I-94 Service Drive and Quirk Road. He'd rather not name the new owner, but it will be a matter of public record shortly.

He is having a big sale, offering everything except the Western saddles at half price until the end of May. (But, he has done some dealing, with the sale price of one saddle including a dinner.)

On June 1, he will be officially retired and gone from the property and with his 25-year companion Sandy Urfer will see how many golf courses across the country he can walk.

"I've done a thousand things and enjoyed it all," Jacobs said from his office last Friday as customers swarmed in for the sale of boots and saddles and horse tack.

He said over the years there have been weekends when he put his boots on Friday morning and couldn't take them off to rest until Sunday night. Those were the days of his horse auctions.

Every Friday from 1912 through 1996 there was a horse auction at Jacobs' barn, with people coming from around Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, New York, Canada, and regularly from New Jersey to buy and sell their horses. Most of the time there were 100 to 125 horses at each auction.

The Jacobs horse auctions started in Detroit, but moved to Van Buren Township in 1947 without missing a beat. The sale was in Detroit one Friday and in Van Buren Township the next Friday.

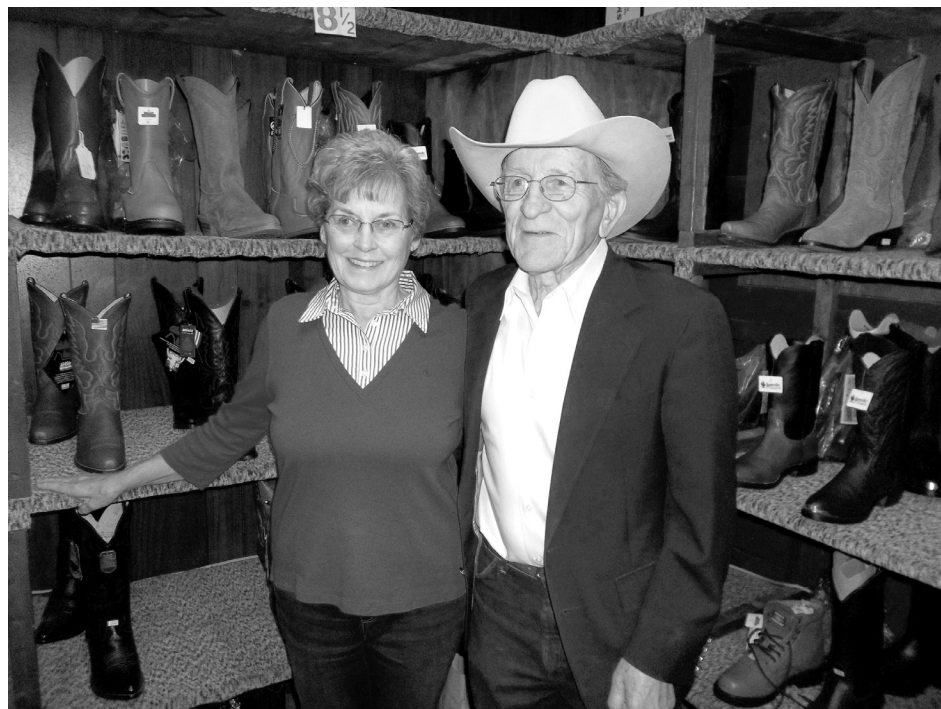
In 1947 after Henry Ford died, the Ford Motor Co. sold a lot of the land that Ford had purchased in this area. Bob's grandfather Julius Jacobs purchased 20 acres from Ford, but the I-94 freeway construction took some of it away.

There are hand-hewn beams in the barn built by Ford and Jacobs wishes there was some way to save the structure. But, in a few weeks it will be out of his hands.

Julius Jacobs did not put the land in his own name, but put it in the name of his son Lee and Lee's wife, and their three children, including Bob.

Bob said his mother and father and brother have passed on, so money made on the land he sold was shared with his sister and his brother's widow and their two children.

Bob said his grandfather, mother, and



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman
Bob Jacobs, who has "done a thousand things," is retiring at the age of 81. He and his 25-year companion Sandy Urfer are going to visit her children and grandchildren in Boise and Seattle and check out the golf courses.

father all lived into their 90s, so he figures he has 10 years left to enjoy the money he earned in the sale.

The way the property was divided and the fact that several of the people died without their estates going through probate delayed the sale of the property for some time. But, now it's over and Bob's retiring.

As a teenager, Bob helped his granddad and father and then would go rodeo-ing, "playing cowboy" all summer. He has pictures of him as a rodeo clown and

explains that to be a clown you had to know how to ride and hang on with one hand.

Sometimes he wouldn't be done with his rodeos in Canada until October, so he wouldn't turn up for school until then.

When he moved to the Belleville schools, he was a year behind because he "messed up" in Detroit and was a semester behind. But, Belleville didn't have January graduations, so he had to start the ninth grade over when he came to Belleville.

There was a problem with the way Bob

dressed. He wore jeans and they weren't allowed in junior high. He explained that's all he had to wear and school officials insisted he couldn't wear them to junior high. The high school students could wear jeans, but not the junior high students.

He finally got permission to wear jeans and from that time forward those in junior high could wear jeans.

Bob found he was very good at business courses and liked numbers. He also had a good voice and his music teacher had him sing "manly songs."

He graduated with the Belleville High School class of 1951.

Bob has scrapbooks holding pictures of him and famous cowboys, including Lash LaRue with an autograph. And, there are lots of pictures of him riding in rodeos.

At one rodeo he met Phyllis, a New York fashion model who loved horses, and they got married. "It seemed like a good idea at the time," he said.

He and Phyllis were married for 50 years, but they lived apart for the last 30 years, with her in Missouri. He would visit her, and built barns for her horses, but finally they were divorced.

He and Sandy have been together since 1988, he said. Her son works at Boeing in Seattle and her daughter is a CPA in Boise, married to a golf professional.

Bob tells everyone he plans to tie a snowblower on the top of his car and drive south.

"When someone asks what it is, I'll stop," he said, with a big smile.



Bob Jacobs rides a bucking bronco during a rodeo in Onsted, MI in 1953.



At Belleville High School in June 1951, Bob Jacobs was soloist.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Library Board to ask for 1.0 mill more for operations

The Belleville Area District Library Board has until 4 p.m., May 13, to certify any ballot language for the Aug. 5 election. The long-range plans were for certification to be done at the April 8 meeting. It wasn't.

Now, the board has set a special meeting for 7:30 p.m. April 22 – possibly at the Sumpter Community Center following the Sumpter Board of Trustees meeting across the street. Details were up in the air at Tuesday's regular library meeting.

Besides the 20-year, \$19,094,863 bond for construction of a new library, with millage of 1.08 the first year and 0.96 mill thereafter, more operational funds are needed for the bigger building.

So, the board will propose 1 mill more in addition to the .7 mill already approved by the board for operations of the present library. The number of years to levy the additional 1 mill is in question and that has to be decided before the ballot wording is approved.

The proposed ballot language calls for a period of 8 years, so it will expire at the same time as the .7 mills which was approved by voters in 2010 for 12 years.

In a related matter, the Resolution the board passed in March for the DNR concerning acquisition of the property on the lake has a response, but it's a secret. The board president and board attorney won't say how the DNR responded and say they are working on it. Do they have a site for this library they want to build?

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

We are sorry to see that another local publication has closed up shop. The last edition of *The View* was published April 3. The last edition of the *Belleville Lake Current* was published March 6.

A reader dropped by Friday to tell me that joggers on Beck Road should be warned about a pack of coyotes in that area. He saw four.

Sumpter Police Captain Eric Luke had some thoughts about the Michigan license plates that recently won an international award that I wrote about last week in this column.

He wrote: "The sole reason for a vehicle to have a license plate in the first place is so that it can be easily identified by both potential crime witnesses and law enforcement. Over the past few years it seems that the state has moved to make at least some of its plates more of a fashion statement and work of art, instead of an easily readable identification.

"In my opinion, the old blue plates with the white letters/numbers were the easiest to read at a distance due to the choice of contrasting colors. These new bridge plates are terrible in that respect and are usually unreadable in many different lighting situations until an officer is right up within a vehicle length, which we all know causes a higher level of stress to the driver of the target vehicle.

"The State claims that at least one law enforcement officer (presumably someone from the Michigan State Police) sat on the committee that chose the new design. If

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



that person voted to approve the plate then I hope they find someone else next time around, someone who has actually made a traffic stop in the last 10 years."

In Van Buren Township, the secret signal to the cable department to start cablecasting live is for the person presiding at the meeting to take a sip of water from the glass in front of him/her.

At the last VBT Board of Trustees meeting, the meeting began and then paused as Supervisor Linda Combs grabbed her glass and sipped with a, "Sorry, Ally."

The Cable Director is Ally McCracken, who was waiting patiently in her studio for the signal.

This is for those of you who were watching the cablecast of the meeting and didn't know why a thirsty Supervisor Combs said what she said.

VBT Public Safety Director Greg Laurain was one of the people graduating from the township's first Fire Academy. As a certified fire fighter, he said he now has a greater understanding of the fire department and what it needs, which will be helpful in budgeting.

There have been 250 hours of fire training since October for those who completed the academy. We'll be getting a full report for publication on the other 12 who graduated from the academy.

Bugles Across America holds a brief ceremony at 7:15 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month to honor both the members of the military who have been laid to rest along with those who are still with us. "Bugles" is held at various locations around the country and in Belleville it's at the Veterans' Monument on High Street.

The first Bugles event in Belleville was March 7, 2004, so last month we completed ten years. The April Bugles was last Sunday, beginning the 11th year.

Ross Medos of Willis, who started the local Bugles Across America, plays "Taps" each month, with a guest bugler to fill in if he has to be gone. He is the Michigan State Director of Bugles Across America.

When it started in 2004, Ross was there playing "Taps" in a sleet storm. The only people with him there were Ed Sobolewski and me. Now Ed has moved to Florida, so Ross and I are the only originals who keep on coming.

Bonnie Priebe tells me when she and her husband Fred attended the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address in Pennsylvania last November, they brought some Michigan soil to place on the graves of the soldiers from our state who fought in the Civil War. What a great gesture.



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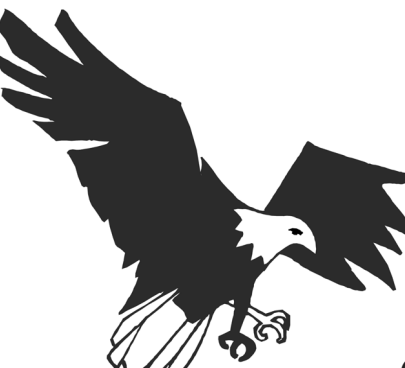
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To the Editor:

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We will host a variety of leagues for both recreation and competition; we will create family and organizational outings for fellowship and cheer. Our on-site PGA certified golf professionals will offer clinics for all levels of players and provide individual and group lessons for those needing direct instruction or just a reset of their game.

Also, we will proudly host the Belleville High School boys' and girls' golf teams and support the interests for all our junior and senior members residing in the Belleville area.

In short, we are fully committed to construct activities and events that will match and exceed the expectations of all our participants.

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Dramatization of 'The Last Supper'

To the Editor:

Traditions are those happenings and events that last years and even decades, if they have value and benefit people.

As we enter the Spring season, we are about to celebrate two of the greatest and longest-lasting traditions in recorded history: Passover and Easter. The one event that ties them together is "The Last Supper."

Come and join community members as they present a dramatization of daVinci's "The Last Supper."

Three presentations will be given at the Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., on April 13 at 7 p.m., April 17 at 8 p.m., and April 18 at 8PM.

Guaranteed to be an enjoyable evening. No charge.

Dr. Ken Grice, Belleville

Thank you for your support of VBALL

To the Editor:

On Saturday, March 15, the Van Buren Area Little League hosted a bowling fundraiser at Lodge Lanes with a terrific outcome. We had over 65 bowlers who enjoyed an afternoon of bowling, pizza, pop, and hanging out with friends.

VBALL was very fortunate to have wonderful baskets to raffle off, all donated by several very generous individuals and businesses and without their support our bowling fundraiser would not have been as successful as it was and because of their generosity the board of VBALL would like to personally thank each of them.

Lodge Lanes, Lunch Box, Water Works, Feed Rite, Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, Mammoth Video, Egan's Pub, Tim Horton's, Wendy's, Edible Arrangements, Debby Rucker, Tara Seward, The Batter's Box, Bayou Grill, Great Clips, A&W, Culver's, Express Tire, Sumpter Roller Rink, Cocoa Beach, WiFi Coffee, Arby's, Romulus Athletic Center, Michelle Mahaffey, and Kathie Stiegerwald.

Congratulations to Joseph Radtka who won the certificate for free indoor baseball training donated by The Batter's Box. He won it by winning the bowl-off between VBALL coaches.

Once again, THANK YOU for all the overwhelming support by the community and all the businesses.

Thank you,
Marc Littleton, president
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Last day ice can be seen on the lake is recorded

To the Editor:

I have lived on Ryznar Drive overlooking Belleville Lake for over 25 years. Every year, I mark down the date on which the lake fully freezes over and the last date on which ice can be seen on the lake.

Here is the last day ice could be seen on the lake for the last seventeen years:


1997 - March 16
1998 - February 16
1999 - March 21
2000 - March 1
2001 - March 21
2002 - February 19
2003 - March 29
2004 - March 7
2005 - March 31
2006 - March 10
2007 - March 22
2008 - April 1
2009 - March 16
2010 - March 15
2011 - March 21
2012 - February 26 (the entire lake never froze over in 2012)
2013 - March 22

This year, we have easily broken the record that we set in 2008 (at least for recent history). I am curious if anyone else in the area has been keeping track, as well?

Bob Murray, Van Buren Township



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Obituaries



Koula M. Walton

KOULA MARIE WALTON

(September 8, 1959 -- April 3, 2014)

Koula M. Walton, formerly of Belleville, passed away on her husband's birthday, April 3, 2014, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor following a short illness with cancer.

She was born on September 8, 1959, a daughter of Tom and Kay Batianis. She was married to Dan Walton.

Koula loved vacationing at Disneyworld. She enjoyed painting, gardening and lying in the sun. Her greatest joy in life was her family.

She is survived by her loving husband Dan and her father Tom. Loving mother of Stephen and Katherine Kovach. Adored sister of Chris (Tammy) Batianis. Also survived by aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother Kay. Visitation was held on Friday, April 4, 2014 at Higginson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville (734) 697-9400 from 4 to 8 p.m. with a 6 p.m. Trisagion Service.

A funeral service was held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 3109 Scio Church Rd., Ann Arbor. www.hnfhhome.com



Michele Gibson-Pierson

MICHELE KAY GIBSON-PIERSON

(February 14, 1956 - April 3, 2014)

Michele Gibson, age 58, a resident of Wayne and formerly of Belleville, died unexpectedly due to complications from thyroid cancer.

Many will remember Michele as Belleville's "Flower Lady." Michele tended the flower beds and hanging flowers that everyone admired for years. Michele recently worked as a Certified Peer Support Specialist, taking great pride in helping those in need. No matter how ill she was from chemotherapy and radiation she never failed to show up for work when she should have been at home resting. Michele would say, "Someone might need me today."

Michele leaves behind three children Charles Lawrence, Justin Pierson and Saranda (Adam) Silvenis; four grandchildren Alexis and Tyler Lawrence, Sebastian Hamilton, and Slayton Silvenis; brothers Roger and Kevin (Kate) Gibson; sister Pamela Adams of Florida; and extended family and friends. She also leaves behind her two loyal dogs who never left her side, Chica and Louie.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Douglas (Madline) Gibson.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 13, 2014 at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Rd, Garden City, MI 48135. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, 51299 Arkona Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 (734-461-9458).

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C.C. "Carl" Hall

C.C. 'CARL' HALL

(December 30, 1928 - April 1, 2014)

Cleo Carl Hall, age 85, passed away Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born December 30, 1928 in Almond, Arkansas, son of Charlie Cleveland and Etta Elizabeth (Cooper) Hall.

Carl was a member of the former Missionary Baptist Church, Ypsilanti. He worked at the General Motors plant in Detroit, Livonia, and retired from Willow Run plant after 27 years of loyal service. He enjoyed deer hunting in his younger years and loved farming and raising pigs. He also loved to roam the neighborhood and visit friends.

C.C. is survived by his loving wife of nearly 65 years, Eva Fern (Staffen) Hall; six children Merian (Billy) Williamson of Washington, Louise (Larry) Kolodziej of Belleville, MI, Kenneth (Rhonda) Hall of Milan, MI, Linda (Gary) St. Cyr of Ypsilanti Township, MI, Calvin (Neil Ernst) Hall of Brooklyn, MI and Mark (Stephanie) Hall of Taylor, MI; 7 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; a sister Lenora Gray of Warren, MI; a brother Farrell (Mary Ellen) Hall; also numerous nieces and nephews and friends. Carl was preceded in death by his parents, son Jerry Wayne Hall, daughter Barbara Ann Hartwick, also nine siblings.

Visitation was Friday, April 4, 2014 from 6-8 PM and Saturday, April 5, 2014 from 10-11 AM, followed by an 11 AM funeral service at David C. Brown Temporary Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, Michigan 48111.

Pastor Gordon Moore will officiate. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for the family to treasure.

MICHELLE THERESA BEARD

(September 21, 1969 - April 5, 2014)

Age 44, of Ypsilanti. Survived by sons Damon and Trevor Beard, Ypsilanti; father Grafton Stanley, Belleville; mother Marian Hardy, Ypsilanti Twp.; a sister and brother. Service at 1 p.m. April 10 at Brown Funeral Chapel.

Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, April 10 – Special work-study meeting for a closed-door session of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 4 p.m., to discuss contract negotiations for the Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) Patrol and Dispatch Unit and the Command Unit. Also, Keystone Academy Board of Directors, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, April 14 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study session, 4 p.m. Also Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the Belleville High School Commons.

• Tuesday, April 15 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, April 16 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, VBT Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

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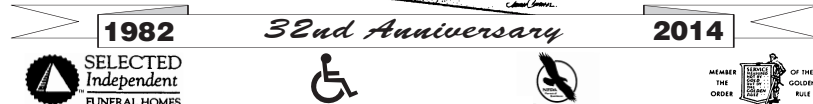
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Obituaries



Lillian Caroline Stabenow

LILLIAN CAROLINE STABENOW

July 20, 1923 - April 7, 2014

Lillian Caroline Stabenow, age 90, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and aunt passed away on April 7, 2014 in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. She was the daughter of Bertha and Rudolph Hubert. She married Carl W. Stabenow on October 1, 1940 and together built a home and raised a family near Belleville, Michigan. In 1977, they moved to the Mt. Pleasant, Michigan area to enjoy their well-earned retirement.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband of 42 years, and 1 sister and 4 brothers. Surviving are her children, Carl, Dennis (Debbie Irwin-Stabenow), Donald; 2 sisters-in-law Eleanor Stabenow and Doris Gentz and daughter-in-law Nancy Stabenow; 6 grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren and 4 step-great-grandchildren.

Lillian was so proud of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her family is so proud of Lillian's devotion to her family and faith and her many years of sacrifice and hard work; including working in the Willow Run Bomber plant in Ypsilanti, Michigan during World War II and the dietary department of Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, Michigan. Lillian and her husband were life-long members and her parents were founding members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Boston, Michigan.

Religious services will be conducted by the Rev. D. Lee Cullen, Jr. at 12:00, April 12, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig Street, New Boston, Michigan. The family will receive friends at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Road, Westland, Michigan Friday evening, April 11 and at the church from 10:00 a.m. until service time. Contributions may be made to Special Olympics at Special Olympics Michigan, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48854 or The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, 1169 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108.

Court Watching:

VBT father, son face marijuana, drug charges in April 2 court session

By Diane Madigan
Independent Court Reporter

On April 2, co-defendants Dale Kenneth Phifer, 76, and his son Kirkwood Lane Phifer, 24, appeared before 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley for a preliminary examination on drug and marijuana charges.

According to Van Buren Township Police Detective Donovan McCarthy, the Phifers were arrested on Nov. 13 at their home on Bog Road -- Dale for possession of 83 marijuana plants and Kirkwood for possessing 65 tablets of LSD.

At the April 1 court session their attorney Charles Todd Inness asked to have his name withdrawn as Dale's attorney because Dale could not afford to pay for an attorney.

Dale's new court-appointed attorney David Lankford asked for his client's preliminary exam to be postponed until April 23 to give him time to review the evidence and to review Michigan's medical marijuana law.

Judge Oakley agreed to postpone Dale's preliminary exam until April 23.

Judge Oakley also agreed with attorney Inness' request to waive the reading of the charges against Kirkland and to bind him over to circuit court at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit for an arraignment on the information on April 16.

Mahdi Anis Soueidan

Also on April 2, Mahdi Anis Soueidan, 26, was escorted into 34th District Court by officers from the Wayne County Jail where he is being held on charges brought by the Detroit Police Department that he abducted his girlfriend on Feb. 23 in Detroit and

drove her to Belleville.

Soueidan appeared with his attorney Trevor Garrison for a preliminary examination for a misdemeanor pre-trial exam in which he is accused of failing to stop at a traffic accident at Fifth and Main in Belleville, fleeing the scene, then trying to break into two residences.

Belleville Officer Matthew Vandeweghe with the assistance of VBT Sgt. Bart DeVos and VBT Officer Pat Wehrman tracked him along the lake shoreline to an unoccupied apartment in the 100 block of North Liberty Street where he was hiding.

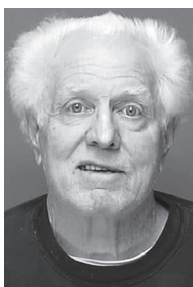
Soueidan's attorney informed the court that Soueidan was scheduled for a competency exam on "another serious matter" and asked that the pretrial exam with possible

sentencing be adjourned until June.

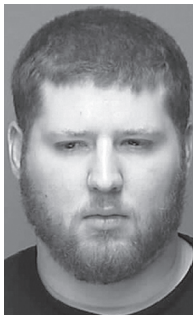
Judge Oakley ordered that Soueidan's pretrial exam on the misdemeanors would be adjourned until July 16.

Have a picture taken of your children with a donkey on Palm Sunday

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Moose Lodge settling into PNA Hall in Sumpter Township

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Moose Lodge #934 has been pretty much shut down for about a year, since it moved out of its old building on Belleville Lake.

It's taken until now for members to settle into their new location at the former PNA Hall at the corner of Harris and Sumpter roads in Sumpter Township.

The Moose should have its liquor license by May and Comcast has promised to get them wired for internet and cable by April

20. Their lottery equipment is all set to go. And, David C. Brown donated a pool table to the lodge.

The lodge is open for meeting nights from 6-9 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

And, there's a Children's Easter Party from 1-3 p.m. this Saturday, April 12, at the Moose Lodge. The Easter Bunny is coming to the party and children will have an egg hunt and egg coloring activities.

The public is invited to stop by to check out the lodge whenever there are vehicles in the parking lot. They are looking for new members of the Moose Lodge and Women of the Moose.

Belleville Moose Administrator Robert Coutts said they had 2,200 members in 2001 and after the turndown of the economy and many members lost jobs and lost homes, the membership dropped. Then when the lodge was closed for a year during the sale and move to Sumpter, the membership dropped even more, to 500.

"Our new accommodations are a good fit for our needs and it provides a warm/welcoming atmosphere," said Coutts, adding they have installed carpeting and done painting inside.

In the future they hope to have an outside patio in the woods, west of the hall, so members can enjoy the outdoors. That would include a privacy fence, he said.

"We are looking forward to building our membership with a renewed emphasis as a family center," Coutts said. "There are many good times and fond memories in store for our members at our new home."

The newly elected board of officers has just been elected and will take office May 1. Tom Vernatt is Governor; LeRoy Schmeltz, Jr. Governor; Charles Schmeltz, treasurer; Mel Schock, prelate; Marvin Steigerwald, Third Yr. Trustee; Dennis Craven, Second Yr. Trustee; and Rob Fire, First Year Trustee.

Coutts said when he started as administrator about four years ago the Moose was going through some hard times with available funds not being dispersed wisely. The IRS and DTE were not being paid and locks were put on the lodge door several times for non-payment.

"Now, we're healthy. No debt at all. Our future is very bright here," Coutts said. "We're 100% in the black."

He said the lodge even raised \$10,000 this year for its charities.

The lodge has a new page on Facebook at Belleville Moose Family Center #934. Its email address is moose934@yahoo.com. They'll be getting a phone soon at the new building.

An open house is being planned this spring, probably for Memorial Day weekend, so the public can drop by and look over the facilities – and maybe join the Moose.

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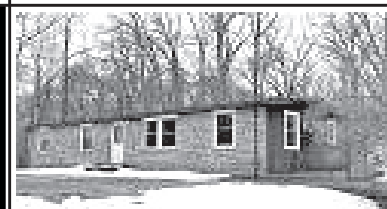
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Belleville Rd. upgrades, construction to begin on April 14, end in Aug.

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Beginning in mid-April, the DDA district along Belleville Road, from Tyler Road to just north of the Belleville Road bridge over I-94 and then south of the bridge about 300 feet, will receive roadway improvements, including new milling of the roadway.

Construction is expected to begin April 14, and will be completed in two phases:

- The south end of the project is set to be completed by July 12; and
- The north end of the project is set to be completed by Aug. 15.

These new traffic signals will match those at the Ecorse/Belleville Road intersection and will include pedestrian-friendly walkways.

DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland said this project will require periodic lane closures and traffic shifts during construction.

"These major improvements will improve safety and accessibility to the businesses along Belleville Road," Ireland said.

"The Van Buren Township DDA is thrilled about this project, which will greatly benefit our entire community and its businesses, residents, and guests," she added.

Birthdays

April 6 – Madison Marie Buxton
April 10 – Paul Cartwright, Jr.
April 11 – Laura Rivard
April 12 – Judge David Parrott, Teresa King
April 18 – Ken Bleeker, Anthony Kuchta, Sr.
April 19 – Mary Lee Kuchta
April 25 – Shelly A. Brown-Chudzinski
April 27 – Seth L. Brown-Chudzinski

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VBT Board agrees on 4-2 vote to delay HR Manager job description

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

When the Van Buren Township 2014 proposed budget was passed in December, it had a part-time Human Resource Manager on it with a \$35,000 allocation.

The three full-time board members hired a part-time person from Snelling employment agency to do the HR work, but then at the March 17 work/study it was proposed that a full-time person hired by the township would be better, with an allocation of \$85,320 in the budget.

But, that idea didn't fly because board members objected to hiring a full-time person with benefits and legacy costs when all they had approved was a part-time person.

At the VBT board work/study session on March 31 and at the regular meeting the next day on April 1, the issue of the Human Resources job description was vigorously discussed.

After discussion at the work/study session, board members informally agreed the item should be removed from the April 1 agenda until it could be better studied by the board.

But, on April 1, Clerk Leon Wright, who has been pushing for an HR person for several years, wanted the board to move forward so it could hire a person soon. He wanted to keep it on the agenda for a vote.

After much discussion, the item was pulled from the agenda on a 4-2 vote, with Trustee Phil Hart, Treasurer Sharry Budd, Clerk Wright and Supervisor Linda Combs voting yes to pull it; Trustees Reggie Miller and Jeff Jahr voting against pulling it and to put it on the agenda so they could vote. No on the proposed job description; and Trustee Brenda McClanahan absent.

Supervisor Combs said it wouldn't come back to the board until the April 14 work/study meeting.

On March 31 while discussing the proposed part-time job description, Treasurer Budd wanted to make sure the person took direction from the township board.

Trustee Reggie Miller said she thought they needed more time to study the description that should be tightened up, and didn't think it should be on the next day's regular meeting agenda – especially since Trustees Jeff Jahr and Phil Hart were unable to attend the March 31 meeting.

"We're giving the impression we have a divisive board ..." said Trustee Jahr on April 1 after the vote, emphasizing he is just trying to get back the board's power.

"It seems like the board is being ignored ... We're not going to just rubber-stamp things," Jahr said.

"I am frustrated ... not divisive," Clerk Wright responded. He had explained he wanted the HR person to take over all the HR duties his office had assumed, so the clerk's office can focus on the coming elections, which is a lot of work.

In other business at the April 1 meeting, the board:

- Approved increasing by \$15 Election Inspector wages to \$160 per day for Precinct Chairperson, \$150 per day for Electronic Pollbook/Co-Chairperson, \$140 per day for Precinct Inspectors, \$15 per session for training (no change). Clerk Wright pointed out election days often are 16 hours long and this raise in pay would help increase the pool of election workers. The last pay hike was in 2002. A chart showed the City of Belleville and Sumpter Township both pay between about \$8 and \$9 per hour;

- Approved a three-year Professional Services Agreement with Hydro Designs, Inc. to provide inspection and other related services for enforcement of the SDWA-mandated Cross-Connection Control program. The Water Fund will pay \$1,065 per month over the next three fiscal years totaling \$38,340;

- Approved a six-month personal leave of absence for three-year, paid-on-call fire fighter Jeffrey Schulz, who has been

hired full time by the City of Ypsilanti Fire Department. He will be in intensive training for his new job and will be unable to continue VBT work until after his training is complete. At its Feb. 18 meeting the board approved a six-month personal leave for Bruce Van Gemert who also had been hired by Ypsilanti. Both have been hired using Ypsilanti's funds from a federal SAFER grant;

- Heard Fire Chief Dan Besson say that fire fighters Josh Werth and Greg Kowalski were recently called at 6:31 a.m. to help a female in labor on a front porch in Parkwood, with contractions 20 seconds apart. Jeff Stanton and Andrew Vernier joined them and they moved the woman inside. At 6:56 a.m. a baby girl slid into Kowalski's arms. The mother and child

were taken to University of Michigan Hospital in good condition, he said;

- Heard Supervisor Combs read a letter from Leslie Mitchell who said in December she was driving on Ecorse Road by the trash dump when she hit something that blew her tire. She said Fire Chief Besson stopped by to help her and began to change her tire and then VBT Police Officer Amy Smith arrived. She said their clothes got dirty, but their public service was exceptional and she wanted to thank them; and

- Heard Chief Besson announce his department's first fire academy, run by Ron Folks and beginning in October, has been completed. He said there were 13 graduates, nine who were Van Buren Public Safety employees. The course was 250 hours of classroom and practical time.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 1, 2014

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Miller. Absent: Trustee McClanahan (excused). Others in attendance: Fire Chief Besson, DPW Director Taylor, Executive Assistant LaMothe, Secretary Cline and an audience of two (2).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Wright moved, Hart seconded to remove from the agenda New Business #4 "Consider approval of the job description for Human Resource Manager." Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Hart, Budd, Wright and Combs. Nays: Miller and Jahr. Absent: McClanahan (excused). Carried.

Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Hart moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes March 17, 2014; Closed Session Minutes March 17, 2014; Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 18, 2014; Voucher List of April 1, 2014] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs read a letter from Chief Besson for a "great job" Firefighter/ EMT Worth and Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic Kowalski for their actions on a medical assist resulting in the delivery of a baby.

Supervisor Combs read a letter from a resident thanking Chief Besson and Officer Smith for their assistance in changing a tire in December 2013.

Clerk Wright provided a report to the Board from AmeraPlan showing the saving to health care cost by changing to a HRA insurance plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Miller seconded to approve the increase to Election Inspector wages, as presented. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the three year Professional Services Agreement with Hydro Designs, Inc. to provide inspection and other related services for enforcement of the SDWA mandated Cross Connection Control program and to authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to execute the Agreement. Carried. Jahr moved, Budd seconded to approve the Personal Leave of Absence for a Paid-on-Call Fire Fighter Jeffrey Schulz. Carried.

REPORTS: Trustee Hart reported during the Strategic Planning Session a subcommittee comprising of Trustee Hart, Trustee Miller and Clerk Wright (Recreation Board Representative) and they have met with Recreation Committee for ideas to develop a plan for improvements to Township Parks with the next step being to meet with the Township Planner. Clerk Wright stated he has additional information from a

recent SEMCOG meeting and Trustee Miller thanked the Recreation Committee for their input and support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Wright announced Shred Day for residents in conjunction with Recall Corporation will be held on August 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information visit the Township's website at www.vanburen-mi.org or contact Clerk's Office at 734-699-8909. Also, Van Buren Civic Fund has provided a grant in the amount of \$26,000 to the Township to be used to for improvements at Township Cemeteries. The Cemetery Advisory Committee has been identifying areas needing improvement. In addition, when the remainder of the Township parking lot is replaced this year the millings will be used throughout the cemeteries roadways.

Supervisor Combs made the following announcements. Celebrate 10 years of Living and Giving Local with Van Buren Civic Fund and Van Buren Township's 178th birthday on Saturday, April 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Atchinson Ford located at 9800 Belleville Road; The Belleville Area Museum is looking for historical information on Tri-Community current or defunct, clubs and organizations for upcoming exhibit, for more information contact Katie Dallos at 734-697-1944; The Recreation Department is holding a Get Up and Get Active (ages 9-14) on April 21st – 25th also, an Egg Hunt Hullabaloo and Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 12th at Township Hall for information contact the Recreation Department at 734-699-8921; Van Buren Township Honor Guard will present the colors at a Tiger Baseball game on April 21st; I-96 full closure in Wayne County begins April 5th between Telegraph and Newburgh Roads; Wayne County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on May 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Wayne County Community College Western Campus located at 9555 Haggerty Road.

Trustee Hart thanked the Public Safety Department for their professionalism in the work they do regarding recent accident and also during the bad weather in the winter months.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Chief Besson stated the Van Buren Fire Department first Fire Academy had thirteen students including nine from Van Buren Township complete the Fire Academy. Chief Besson also recognized Battalion Chief Folks for running the Fire Academy noting the State of Michigan fully gave their support to continue the Van Buren Fire Department Academy in the future and thanked the Board of Trustees for their support.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Carried. Respectfully submitted,
Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor
Publish: April 10, 2014

EQ sold to US Ecology in a stock purchase valued at \$465 million

By Diane Madigan
Independent Special Writer

On Monday, US Ecology, Inc. announced in a news release that it has entered into a stock purchase agreement to acquire EQ – The Environmental Quality Company.

The transaction, valued at \$465 million is expected to close after the regulatory review process, in the second or third quarter of 2014.

US Ecology, Inc., through its subsidiaries, provides environmental services and industrial waste management services to commercial and government entities, such as refineries and chemical production facilities, manufacturers, electric utilities, steel mills, medical and academic institutions and waste brokers.

Headquartered in Boise, Idaho, the company is one of the oldest radioactive and hazardous waste services companies

in North America.

According to EQ's Marketing and Communications Director Dave Crumrine, "EQ is pleased with the acquisition by US Ecology because it will allow the company to grow business and serve their customers well."

"This acquisition won't change the reporting requirements and the regulatory aspects of how EQ operates the business"

Wayne Disposal, Inc. is a 500-acre EQ facility located next to Willow Run Airport off the North I-94 Service Dr. in Van Buren Township, opened in 1957. It is the only commercial hazardous-waste landfill in Michigan and one of only seven of its type in the United States.

The EQ site takes waste containing dangerous materials such as heavy metals, most of which it receives comes from clean-up projects for industrial waste. Low-level radioactive materials from FUSRAP (Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program) sites from the nation's early atomic energy program are also accepted.



City of Belleville Public Notice



City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes March 17, 2014

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Conley presented Gene Taylor with a retirement plaque and cake for his many years of service to the City of Belleville as a police officer and Chief of Police. Several audience members expressed their appreciation to Gene for all that he has done throughout the years.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of March 3, 2014 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Services Contract – Hennessey Engineers

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 14-020 to approve a contract with Hennessey Engineers, Inc. to contract DPW Services as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Appointment – City Designee to JMC

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve Resolution No. 14-021 to approve the designation of Keith Tackett as the City representative to the Downriver Sewer System Joint Management Committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Appointment – City Designee for S-2 Grant

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 14-022 to approve the designation of Diana J. Kollmeyer, City Manager as the designated representative for the S-2 Grant.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Interim Building Official

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve

Resolution No. 14-023 to give City Manager authorization to proceed with hiring Rick Rutherford as the part-time interim Building Official.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. Interim Police Chief

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 14-024 to give City Manager authorization to proceed with hiring Hal Berriman as the part-time interim Police Chief.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. Autism Boot Drive

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve Resolution No. 14-025 to approve the Autism Boot Drive fundraiser to be held on April 2, 2014 from 2:30 to 6:30 P.M. on Main, High, and Liberty Streets.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. RFQ – Newspaper of Record

City Council will receive sealed proposals for services as the newspaper of record until 7:30 P.M. on Monday, April 21, 2014.

H. CDBG FY2014 Funding – Call Public Hearing

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 14-026 to call a Public Hearing to receive comments & suggestions regarding the 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. Pedestrian Sign

City Council Member Fielder will bring a formal document back to authorize a 90 day trial period for the temporary placement of a traffic control device, yield to pedestrian sign, at the crosswalk in the four hundred block of Main Street. The order will remain in effect for 90 (ninety days) from the date of deployment. If it appears that the device would be prudent the City Council would pass a resolution to make the device permanent.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 14-027 to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

Pedestrian Sign.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer
Approved: April 7, 2014
Published: April 10, 2014

VBT crash

(continued from page 1)

went over to check on the occupants of the other vehicle.

Russell said the car that hit the patrol vehicle had time to stop since the police car was proceeding slowly, but it didn't. He said the police officer tried to veer his vehicle, but the two vehicles crashed anyway.

"I was really impressed with the officer and how professionally he acted in a dangerous situation," said Russell, who is a trustee on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.

He said he was also impressed with how the officer's first thought was for the well-being of the person in the other car.

A news release from VBT Police Lt. Kenneth Floro identified the officer as Fred Sweet, who was uninjured in the crash.

Camerina Smith, a 50-year-old woman from Toledo, Ohio, was driving the 2013 Hyundai. She was transported by Huron Valley Ambulance to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital with neck and back pain.

Lt. Floro said VBT police asked the Michigan State Police to conduct an independent investigation and complete an accident report. He said VBT police are conducting a review of the incident for internal auditing of VBT policies and procedures.

Lt. Floro said the incident remains under investigation and anyone with questions or concerns about the accident is asked to contact him at (734) 699-8915.

Meijer's 'Simply Give' program to benefit Belleville Food Closet

First United Methodist Church Food Closet is proud to announce a partnership with Meijer this spring to provide much-needed hunger relief to local families through the Grand Rapids based retailer's customer-driven donation program "Simply Give."

Each Meijer "Simply Give" campaign aims to replenish the shelves of more than 200 food pantries in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky.

The program encourages customers to purchase \$10 "Simply Give" donation cards, which are then converted into Meijer food-only gift cards and given to a local food pantry in the store's community.

First United Methodist Food Closet will benefit from donation cards purchased at the local Meijer store on Belleville Road now through May 12.

On Friday, April 11, and Saturday, April 12, the purchase of a \$10 "Simply Give" donation card will have a double bonus of \$20 by Meijer's making the donation \$30.

"We encourage community members to help fulfill our mission of helping feed the hungry in Van Buren and Sumpter Townships and the City of Belleville by purchasing a Meijer "Simply Give" food donation card during their next shopping trip," said Sandy Askew spokesperson for the First United Methodist Church Food Closet.

In 2013 the food closet distributed food to 7,038 in this community. Today's food closets are in a desperate struggle to keep up with the flood of requests they receive daily, Askew said.

For the third consecutive year, Meijer has committed to donating at least \$1 million to the 2014 "Simply Give" program.

Belleville Area Museum seeking volunteer bookkeeper/accountant

The Belleville Area Museum is looking for an experienced bookkeeper/accountant on a volunteer basis. This would be an ideal role for an accounting student or retiree, said Museum

Director Katie Dallos. The museum needs assistance with ledgers, donations, exhibit costs, event set-up costs, and annual budgeting.

The bookkeeper has the opportunity to help formalize financial procedures while reconciling treasury statements, calculating net profit/loss, and compiling annual budgets with the aid of the museum director. The person will work closely with the museum director, Van Buren Township Treasurer's Department and be responsible for helping develop reports submitted to the township board as well as to the Historical Society Board of Trustees. The volunteer position should amount to a commitment of 10-12 hours per month, with highly flexible dates.

Interested candidates should e-mail Katie Dallos at kdallos@provide.net, detailing their interests along with a resume or curriculum vitae. An application will be sent to people who may be qualified. For more information, call Dallos at (734) 697-1944.



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St. Pat's parties on hold pending update of special events ordinance

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On Monday, the Belleville City Council removed from its meeting agenda requests from Egan's Pub to hold two events on the Fourth Street Square until the council can review and update its special events ordinance.

St. Patrick's Day event on Sept. 20 and a St. Patrick's Day event on March 17, 2015. Both events were to have a tent, with bands, food, and alcohol and be open from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said the city is looking at several ordinances for updates, including the special events, animal control, and sign ordinances, all of which should be on the agenda in the next month or so.

Councilman Tom Fielder said the city needs to keep track of all the events that are being scheduled, so they aren't overlapping.

Mayor Conley said parking was one of

the issues with the St. Patrick's Day party at Egan's on March 17. She said she received several complaints about people parking in snow banks, across driveways, and other unacceptable places.

She pointed out there is no parking on Liberty Street when the car shows are on in the summer.

"I'm sorry I brought all these people to your town," said John Winter of Egan's as he left the council room with his wife Jennifer.

Boo'Ville

The council also removed from consideration the request from the Central Business Community for use of the Fourth Street Square for the whole month of October for a Boo'Ville celebration, "day and nite."

Council members directed CBC President Bill Wolters to get more specific about what the CBC wants to do on the square and then come back. He had no details at all on the form he filled out for the council to consider.

Wolters said the CBC in cooperation with the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce wants to put up a tent for three days for multiple events Oct. 24, 25, and 26. He said local non-profits can use it for pumpkin carvings, pumpkin painting, kids' movies – in general, three days of non-stop activities.

Councilman Jack Loria asked Wolters to explain Boo'Ville, which he said is a "month-long celebration for the city."

Councilman Loria's wife, Rosemary, actually first presented the Boo'Ville idea at a meeting of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, where she is a member. She said she and Wolters thought up the celebration while visiting the crowd of witches that gathered at Egan's Pub last Halloween season.

Carol Thompson, coordinator of the Belleville DDA (and chairman of the VBT Planning Commission), said actually the celebration will be for those throughout the 48111 zip code. She said they will ask the Van Buren Township DDA to move Halloween decorations up Belleville Road to continue the city's decorations.

Councilman Fielder said VBT Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer Wright was at one of the Boo'Ville planning meetings and she is looking at expanding activities into the township.

"Boo'Ville is the umbrella for the programming," explained Steve Jones, who is president of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts and chairman of the city

planning commission.

The project planners needs to decide how they will handle vendors who want to participate and Mayor Conley said she wants to make sure outside vendors don't compete with local businesses.

In other business at the April 7 meeting, the council:

- Held a one-minute public hearing on the budgeting of federal Community Development Block Grant funding of \$57,000 for 2014, with no public wishing to comment. The council later approved the budget, with \$40,470 of the money for barrier-free improvements. City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said they will check to see if those funds can be used at the new kayak launch going up at Horizon Park this summer;

- Approved a hold-harmless agreement with Van Buren Township, which owns most of the shoreline on Belleville Lake, for the proposed Horizon Park Waterfront Improvements funded by a grant from the MDNR's Natural Resources Trust Fund. Thompson said the DDA is still waiting for the legislature and the governor to approve the DNR budget, but working on permits and engineering is permitted at this point;

- Approved Buddy Poppy sales on May 8, 9, and 10 at Five Points and other locations on Main Street by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 and the Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 167;

- Approved the following CBC activities: Flop E Bunny candy hunt at noon April 19 at Victory Park, Taste of Belleville and Boat Show with the Bridge Walk starting at 5 p.m. on Aug. 21, and Halloween trick or treating downtown from 5 to 7 p.m. on Oct. 31;

- Approved the Canton Lions Club's White Cane fund raising on Main Street April 25 through May 3, from about 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day;

- Approved the Knights of Columbus fund-raising drive on Main Street April 11-13 to earn money for the mentally impaired with a Tootsie Roll drive;

- Approved accounts payable of \$133,430.17 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: Blue Ribbon Contracting, water main repair, \$1,900; BS&A, computer equipment (water) \$1,250; Firehouse Software, contract renewal, \$735; RICOH, support renewal, Capital Improvements, \$1,232; and Service Electric Supply, iron poles for way-finding signs, DDA, \$7,223.33;

- Heard Carol Ann Fausone introduce herself as being a candidate for 21st District State Representative. She explained that she and her husband Jim Fausone run a program that offers legal help for veterans and there will be a veterans' seminar at the Yankee Air Museum from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 11;

- Approved allowing the Belleville Women's Club to raffle off up to two rides in the Belleville Fire Truck for the Strawberry Festival Parade; and

- Heard Fire Chief Bryan Loranger announce the recent boot drive collected \$2,038 which has been sent to the Autism Foundation.

City of Belleville Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE City of Belleville's Use of 2014 Community Development Block Grants



The City of Belleville expects to receive \$57,000 in year 2014 CDBG funds. Projects must meet HUD regulations and Wayne County's program guidelines. A public hearing was held on April 7, 2014 to receive comments on proposed uses of these funds.

At the April 7, 2014 City Council meeting, after considering the input from the public hearing, the City Council determined to use the 2014 CDBG funds to meet the City's program objective by funding projects and programs as follows:

1. Senior and Disabled Citizens Services

Location: city-wide

Activity: senior and disabled program services

Amount:	Senior Chore Services	\$ 1,000
	Senior Transportation	9,830
	TOTAL	\$10,830

2. Barrier Free Improvements

Location: city-wide

Activity: ADA Evaluation & Modifications

Amount:		<u>\$40,470</u>
	TOTAL	\$40,470

3. Program Administration

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City Clerk/Treasurer

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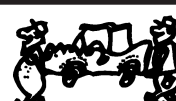
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By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting March 13, the Keystone Academy Board of Directors discussed the school's enrollment that is at 781 in grades Young 5's through eighth with a waiting list in every grade.

The total waiting list is 289.

Chris Caulk, liaison from National Heritage Academies, had announced last year that NHA was considering building a new classroom for every grade at Keystone this summer because of the large waiting list.

But, NHA decided to build for another of its school this year so that will not be happening this summer at Keystone.

Also, in February, the board voted to sign a matriculation agreement with Arbor Preparatory High School in Ypsilanti for classes this fall for the Keystone eighth graders who are seeking a high school to attend since Keystone has no classes past eighth grade.

It was learned that Arbor Prep will not be ready for this agreement until the 2015-16 school year.

In other business at the 43-minute meeting the board:

- Discussed the good results on several academic tests and the need to do something different for sixth graders who are scoring lower than they should in some categories;
- Discussed the high scores in reading for the last few years and noted that 93% of students leaving Keystone have a proficiency in reading;

- Discussed the Focus School report required by the state. Keystone is designated a Focus School because there is such a large gap between its highest and lowest testing students. Keystone's goal is to focus on finding what the disconnect is for English Learners in math, reading, and writing and Black or African American subgroup students in social studies and science and increase state scores by 15% by Spring 2015;

- Heard Principal Keturah Godfrey report on the undefeated girls basketball teams, the Donuts with Dads program that had more than 100 attending, the "Thanks a Latte" celebration with the staff to celebrate the NWEA and MEAP scores (with the school buying the staff an espresso machine), the plan for Godfrey to go to every classroom to explain data and put starbursts on the walls, and the March is Reading Month challenge that will result in Godfrey being covered with sundae toppings if the students succeed;

- Approved the 2014-15 board meetings calendar and the revised 2013-14 school calendar, adding June 16-19 as extra school days because of the snow days taken;

- Informed Principal Godfrey that Teacher Appreciation Week was coming up May 5-8, with a circus theme, and the board wanted to know what the teachers would like the board to purchase for them

this year. Godfrey will come back with a suggestion; and

- Learned there is \$53,000 in the board's discretionary fund.

Vice president Amy Gusfa presided at the meeting in the absence of president Vesta Losen who was ill. Carol Manley also was absent from the meeting.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, April 10** – At 7 p.m. Belleville High School is inducting its new members of the BHS Distinguished Graduates Hall of Fame. Also, the induction ceremonies for the National Honor Society will be held jointly. It's all at the BHS Auditorium and you are invited.

- **Thursday, April 10** – "The Art of Tim Marsh" will begin at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library as part of the free Homegrown Knowledge Series.

- **Friday, April 11** – FREE Christian Movie, 7 p.m., Belle Villa Community Center, 955 Sumpter Road. Free refreshments. Appropriate, Christian family fare. Bring the kids. Coming soon: "Easter" and "The Witness."

- **Friday, April 12** – It's the Easter Egg Scramble for kids at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Willow Metropark. Easter fun with an egg hunt, crafts, games and a visit from the Easter Pig. Advanced ticket purchase required. Fee: \$5 per child. Information or to register: (734) 782-3956.

- **Saturday, April 12** – The Egg Hunt Hullabaloo begins at the Van Buren Township Recreation Department with a pancake breakfast from 10 to 11 a.m., followed by an egg hunt at 11:15 a.m. behind the township hall. Tickets are \$7/\$8 per person and must be purchased in advance. Call 699-8921.

- **Saturday, April 12** – Sumpter Township's Children's Easter Egg Hunt starts at noon at Graham Park. Free.

- **Sunday, April 13** – Off-leash playtime at 2 p.m. with other friendly Pugs and Pug owners at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township.

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- **Sunday, April 13** – DaVinci's "The Last Supper" will be dramatized at the First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street, at 7 p.m. Free.

- **Wednesday, April 16** – State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, announces an April Senior Brigade event will be at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville, from 6 to 7 p.m. This event will focus on home repair scams.

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The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, March 30:

0218 – suspicious situation, Johnny’s Hot Spot
0322 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty
0335 – assault & battery, Pine Dr.
1232 – shots fired, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor
1258 – malicious destruction of property, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1523 – noise complaint, Cherry Ln.
1747 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.
1837 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2023 – disturbance, Brandi Dr.
2125 – noise complaint, Truman
2152 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

Monday, March 31:

0106 – holdup alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0106 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.
0647 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1219 – fight, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd.
1246 – larceny from auto, Van Born Rd.
1317 – fraud, Hannan Rd.
1515 – fraud, Belleridge
1709 – fraud, Taco Bell
1746 – missing person, Landmark
1848 – disturbance, Village Green Ln.
1907 – narcotics crime, Tavistock Dr./Andover Dr.
2221 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.

Tuesday, April 1:

0616 – larceny from auto, Fret Rd.
0718 – larceny from auto, Martinsville Rd.
1919 – missing person, Bradley Dr.
1932 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
2132 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
2307 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2329 – property damage accident, Hannan/Ecorse
2340 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

Wednesday, April 2:

0056 – private property accident, Kirkridge Park Dr./Ecorse Rd.
0216 – suspicious vehicle, Johnny’s Hot Spot
0338 – assault & battery, Edison Lake Rd.
0537 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Hull
0603 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Hull
0636 – suspicious person, Martinsville/Hull
0852 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/E. Huron River Dr.
0922 – juvenile complaint, Owen Middle School
1011 – larceny from auto, Maurice Dr.
1031 – assault & battery, Rogers Ave.
1041 – narcotics crime, McBride Ave.
1131 – assault & battery, Borgman Ave.
1454 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1618 – disorderly conduct, Rawsonville Rd.
1634 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1643 – ATV/ORV complaint, Jackson/Tyler
1730 – property damage accident, Belleville / Denton
1738 – ATV/ORV complaint, Belleville/Yost
1741 – private property accident, O’Riley’s
1743 – suspicious person, Parkwood Dr.
1752 – fraud, Haggerty Rd.
1816 – private property accident, Westlake Bldg 14
1901 – suicide or attempt, Rogers Ave.
1930 – assault & battery, Estates
2043 – disturbance, Van Buren St.
2333 – mental, S. Bellridge Dr.

Thursday, April 3:

0022 – harassment call, EB I-94/Belleville Rd.
0127 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0240 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0434 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0745 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1546 – larceny, Old Rawsonville
1625 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1823 – fraud, Denton Rd.
2015 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2041 – noise complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
2345 – agency assist, Willis

Friday, April 4:

0710 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1240 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.

1622 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1646 – malicious destruction of property, W. Huron River Dr.
1734 – water leak found, S. Sadie Ln.
1824 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
2155 – shots fired, Hayes St.
2210 – assault & battery, Westlake Circle
2230 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2334 – larceny from auto, Westlake
2359 – fraud, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Saturday, April 5:

0829 – holdup alarm, Freeport Ct.
0850 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0909 – assault & battery, Kirkridge park Dr.
1038 – shots fired, N. Shore Dr./cul de sac
1223 – water leak found, Brookview Dr.
1226 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1315 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1319 – property damage accident, EB I-94/exit at Belleville
1330 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1338 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
1448 – noise complaint, Cherry Ln.
1458 – larceny, Belleville
1504 – suspicious situation, Haggerty School
1651 – ATV/ORV complaint, Ashbury Dr./Denton
1749 – assault & battery, Maple Dr.
1905 – disorderly conduct, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1930 – disturbance, Oak Ln.
2212 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
2215 – noise complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2258 – property damage accident, Michigan / bypass

Also on this week’s log are 203 traffic stops, 31 of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 30:

0219 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
0725 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1008 – breaking & entering, W. Wabash Ave.
1009 – agency assist, W. Wabash Ave.
1551 – warrant arrest, Michigan/I-275
1706 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
1834 – domestic assault, Estrada Dr.
2015 – suspicious situation, Huron River
2205 – warrant arrest, Main St.
2210 – warrant arrest, Main St.

Monday, March 31:

0757 – personal injury accident, High/Church
1200 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1631 – abandoned auto, Estrada Dr.
1657 – E-911 hang up, Capistrano Ct.
1725 – civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd.
1738 – noise complaint, Breakwater Ct. / Breakwater Dr.
2010 – domestic assault, E. Huron River Dr.
2135 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Owen

Tuesday, April 1:

0139 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
0744 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
0808 – suspicious situation, Chase Bank
0920 – civil matter, Main St.
1148 – abandoned auto, Church
1250 – juvenile complaint, Rose
1803 – parking complaint, Main St./4th St.
2132 – malicious destruction, N. Liberty St.

Wednesday, April 2:

0844 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
0923 – juvenile complaint, Owen Middle School
0958 – suspicious person, Fisher Library
1652 – disorderly conduct, Henry St.
1730 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Denton Rd.
1828 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1915 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2033 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
2120 – follow up, Light Tower Ct.

Thursday, April 3:

0954 – suspicious vehicle, Carmell St.
1149 – disorderly conduct, South St.
1150 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
1243 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1322 – background investigation, Carmell St.
1554 – assist fire dept., South St.
2107 – traffic hazard, N. Liberty/Third St.

2204 – suspicious vehicle, W. Columbia Ave. / Church St.

Friday, April 4:

0217 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
0241 – property check, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1505 – assist fire dept., W. Thornhill Ct.
1530 – all other traffic, Main St./E. Columbia Ave.
1810 – property check, N. Liberty St.
1938 – sexual assault, Main St.
2020 – shots fired, Church St.

Saturday, April 5:

1256 – sexual assault, Loza Ln.
1457 – vehicle lockout, Carmell St.
1624 – suspicious vehicle, South St.
1814 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
1909 – assault & battery, Loza Ln.
2137 – noise complaint, Menlo Park Dr.
2156 – welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
2340 – property damage accident, High/W. Columbia

Also on this week’s log are 75 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 30:

0331 – warrant arrest, Willis/Rawsonville
0423 – suspicious person, 50000 bl. Bemis
0842 – fire dept. assist, 8900 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0903 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
0952 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1230 – animal bite, 49000 bl. Willow Rd.
1412 – fire dept. assist, Judd/Wilmot
1507 – traffic hazard, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1540 – alarm, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1646 – suspicious person, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1733 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1942 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
2119 – warrant arrest, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Monday, March 31:

0448 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
0826 – juvenile complaint, Timberlane
1017 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1110 – suspicious incident, 17000 bl. Sumpter
1155 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.
1159 – identity theft report, 22000 bl. Haggerty
1230 – warrant arrest, out of township
1341 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1346 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
1502 – warrant arrest, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1527 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1624 – well-being check, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.
1629 – child abuse/neglect, Wyoming
1645 – larceny, 27000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2013 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
2016 – suspicious vehicle, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
2041 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.
2306 – family trouble, 6700 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

Tuesday, April 1:

0835 – alarm, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1104 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1230 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1321 – malicious destruction of property, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1537 – fraud complaint, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1753 – warrant arrest, Nevada
2011 – ORV complaint, Karr/Wear
2159 – breaking & entering report, 27000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Wednesday, April 2:

0042 – assist other agency, 51000 bl. Willis
0048 – animal complaint, Oakville Waltz/Haggerty
0210 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
0657 – animal complaint, Knollwood
0802 – fire dept. assist, Birch
0955 – fraud complaint, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1049 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1103 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1131 – fraud complaint, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1304 – warrant arrest, out of township
1306 – shots fired, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1343 – family trouble, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1518 – family trouble, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1550 – larceny, Mulberry
2000 – suspicious vehicle, Birch

Thursday, April 3:

1025 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
1128 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1212 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
1301 – neighbor dispute, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.
1307 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1612 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1733 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.
1753 – subpoena service, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1806 – subpoena service, Country Club
1825 – alarm, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.
1840 – suspicious incident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1907 – well-being check, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1938 – assist other agency, Willis/Clark
1944 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Executive Dr.
2112 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2343 – family trouble, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.

Friday, April 4:

0259 – disorderly person, Virginia
0351 – well-being check, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1225 – neighbor dispute, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1227 – traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Bemis
1303 – breaking & entering report, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1425 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
1738 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2140 – suspicious incident, 8800 bl. Rawsonville

Saturday, April 5:

0252 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1039 – recovered stolen vehicle, 46000 bl. Claxton
1212 – assist other agency, Edgewood
1319 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1738 – harassment complaint, 21000 bl. Haggerty
1820 – civil dispute, 27000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2057 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 10 follow-up investigations, 40 miscellaneous details, 117 patrol checks, and 41 traffic stops.

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Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



The **Bake Shoppe** on Savage Road at Bemis is asking customers to order early for Easter. The bakery is making rye bread, along with marble, pumpernickel, Chala, and their everyday favorites like white, Italian, orange raisin, potato wheel, and dinner rolls. If pies are on your dessert list, the Bake Shoppe offers Cherry Crust, Apple, Cherry Streusel, Banana Cream, Chocolate, Coconut Cream, Pumpkin and Peanut Butter. See their ad in today's paper for a list of other cakes and sweets. They're closed on Easter and the following Monday. Call (734) 699-2236.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Boston is gearing up for its annual **Spring Flea Market** on April 24-26. Saturday is \$4 clothes day, which are all the clothes you can fit in a bag for just \$4. Call (734) 753-9048.

The **Belleville Cougars Football & Cheer** is holding open registration for the upcoming 2014 season on April 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and April 13, from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the Van Buren Township Hall on Tyler Road. For other info, visit www.bellevillecougars.com.

Sassy Scissors Salon on Willis Road next door to Benito's Pizza is offering great coupon offers including \$2 off haircuts, \$5 off perms and hi-lites, and \$10.99 haircuts with Patty on Wednesdays and Thursdays only. They're open Tuesday, 9-5, Wednesday and Thursday, 9-8, and Friday and Saturday, 9-3. See their ad for the coupons. The salon also welcomes **Marcia Markham** to their staff. Walk-ins are always welcome and appointments can be made by calling (734) 461-1081.

The folks over at **Pioneer Landscaping** of Belleville has been serving the Belleville and surrounding community for over 27 years. Owner **Robert Oberdorf** and family are expanding the business to accept more clients this growing season. They serve residential and commercial customers and are experts when it comes to fertilizing, aeration and dethatching. For more info, visit www.pioneerlandscaping.com and call (734) 699-9383 for info.

Henry Johnson of Romulus is offering personal gravesite care here in Belleville as well as the surrounding area. Johnson can perform basic site cleanup, headstone cleaning, floral arrangements, and all year-round care. For a free consultation, call (734) 229-1451 or email him at info@graveupkeep.com.

Lunch with Bob Ficano will be held on Monday, April 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the **September Days Senior Center** at the

Van Buren Township Municipal Center. A raffle and bingo activities are on tap. Call (734) 699-8918.

The **11th Annual Italian Bistro Night** will take place Saturday, April 26, at 5:30 at the **Yankee Air Museum's Collections & Exhibit Building** at Willow Run Airport. Tickets are \$35 in advance, and \$40 at the door. Music will be provided by The Couriers and the EMU Swing Club. Call (734) 483-4030.

The food pantry at **Belleville Church of God** on Hull Road is once again offering free non-perishable and perishable food packages on Thursday, April 17, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. To reserve and receive food, call Joanne at (734) 697-1142 by April 14.

Easter events coming up include a Community Easter Celebration at **Faith Assembly Church** on East Huron River Drive in Belleville on April 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration begins at 10 a.m. with an egg hunt at 10:40, followed by games, prizes, inflatables, crafts and face painting. Call (734) 697-6704.

The annual **Sumpter Children's Easter Party** will take place also this Saturday, beginning at 12 noon at Graham Park. The event is free.

The **Belleville Church of God** will be holding an Easter Eggstravaganza on April 19, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Families can enjoy free food, candy and prizes.

The **Belleville Central Business Community** and the **City of Belleville** will be holding their annual **Easter Candy Hunt** and photos with Flop E. Bunny, also on April 19, from noon to 2 p.m. at Victory Park. See their ad for the candy hunt times and age groups.

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